

Primary, secondary Teachers' salaries, status to be raised gradually: PM

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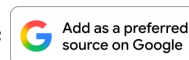
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Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday said his government plans to gradually raise the salaries of primary and secondary school teachers while improving their professional status through better training.

Responding to a supplementary question during the prime minister's question hour in parliament, he said the government has programmes in place to ensure teachers can devote themselves fully to teaching instead of taking on second jobs to support their families.

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Abul Hasnat MP had asked about the government's plans to increase teachers' salaries, citing that primary school teachers currently receive a basic salary of Tk 11,000 and secondary school teachers Tk 16,000.

The premier said 2 percent of GDP has been allocated to education in the current budget, with the government aiming to increase the allocation to 5 percent within five years.

Recalling past education policies, Tarique said, “During the authoritarian period, only buildings were constructed, but there was no improvement in human resources. If we cannot properly train our teachers, we cannot expect quality education.”

He said many primary school teachers, as well as some secondary school teachers, are forced to take on second jobs or agricultural work because their salaries are insufficient.

Earlier, in response to a query from MP Zahidul Islam Dhalu, the PM highlighted that Tk 4,199 crore has been allocated to the Ministry of Education for the Secondary Education Development Programme (SEDP) in FY 2026–27.

The government has also allocated Tk 3,040.9 crore for secondary school infrastructure and is implementing five projects, including PEDP-5, to improve facilities at the primary level.